Introduced by Senator Maldonado

February 16, 2005

An act relating to specialty crops, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 284, as introduced, Maldonado. Specialty crop funding.

Existing federal law, Public Law 108-465, authorizes block grants to state departments of agriculture to promote the marketing of specialty crops products, for the purpose of enhancing the competitiveness of specialty crop funding.

This bill would appropriate \$3,000,000 to the Department of Agriculture for allocation to California food banks to support the marketing of specialty crops.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Three million dollars \$3,000,000 from the
- 2 federal block grant awarded to California pursuant to the
- 3 Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2004, Public Law
- 4 108-465, is hereby appropriated to the Department of Agriculture
- 5 for allocation by the Secretary of Agriculture to California food
- 6 banks to support the marketing of specialty crops.